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FEATURING: □ Hog Inventory □ Milk Production □ Livestock Slaughter □ Chick & Egg □ Cold Storage

OHIO HOG INVENTORY DOWN 5 PERCENT U.S. HOG INVENTORY UP SLIGHTLY

Ohio hog producers had 1,450,000 hogs on hand December 1, 2004 down 5 percent from a year earlier, and down 3 percent from last quarter. The number of market hogs, at 1,295,000 head, was down 5 percent from last year and down 3 percent from last quarter. Breeding stock, at 155,000 head, was down 3 percent from last quarter, and down 3 percent from last year.

The pig crop during the September-November 2004 quarter numbered 693,000 head, up 6 percent from last year and up 5 percent above last quarter. The number of sows farrowed during the September-November 2004 quarter at 77,000 was 3,000 above last quarter and last year. Pigs saved per litter averaged 9.0 and was up slightly from the same period last year and last quarter.

Ohio producers intend to farrow 76,000 sows during the December-February 2005 quarter; 2,000 head more than a year earlier. Farrowing intentions for the spring quarter, March-May 2005, is 75,000 unchanged from the same quarter of 2004.

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 2004 was 60.5 million head. This was up slightly from December 1, 2003, but down 1 percent from September 1, 2004.

Breeding inventory, at 5.97 million head, was down 1 percent

from December 1, 2003, but up slightly from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 54.5 million head, was up slightly from last year, but 2 percent below last quarter.

The September-November 2004 U.S. pig crop, at 25.6 million head, was up slightly from 2003 and up 2 percent from 2002. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.85 million head, down slightly from last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 48 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs saved per litter was 8.96 for the September-November period, compared to 8.93 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.50 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.10 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.86 million sows farrow during the December 2004-February 2005 quarter, 1 percent above the actual farrowings during the same period in 2004, and 3 percent above 2003. Intended farrowings for March-May 2005, at 2.87 million sows, are down slightly from the same period in 2004, and down 1 percent from the same period in 2003.

The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 38 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 35 percent last year.

HOG AND PIG INVENTORY-DECEMBER 1 2003 AND 2004

0-14-1	Hogs ar	1 0	_	and pigs	All hog	All hogs and pigs	
Selected	for bre			market T		1	
States	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	
		Thou	sand Head		_	_	
Illinois	410	420	3,590	3,580	4,000	4,000	
Indiana	300	290	2,800	2,860	3,100	3,150	
Iowa	1,060	1,070	14,840	15,030	15,900	16,100	
N. Carolina	1,020	1,020	8,980	8,780	10,000	9,800	
Ohio	160	155	1,360	1,295	1,520	1,450	
United States	6,009	5,969	54,434	54,531	60,444	60,501	

MARKET HOGS - DECEMBER 1, 2003 AND 2004

Selected	Under 60 lbs.		60-11	60-119 lbs.		120-179 lbs.		s. and over	
States	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	
	Thousand Head								
Illinois	1,280	1,360	860	830	770	770	680	620	
Indiana	990	960	670	750	580	610	560	540	
Iowa	4,510	4,480	4,130	4,130	3,200	3,340	3,000	3,080	
N. Carolina	3,550	3,420	2,180	2,150	1,750	1,750	1,500	1,460	
Ohio	540	535	330	310	280	270	210	180	
United States	19,778	19,636	13,238	13,439	11,109	11,286	10,311	10,171	

SOWS FARROWING AND PIG CROP - SELECTED STATES

		June	-August		September-November						
Selected States	Sows fa	Sows farrowing		Pig crop 1/		Sows farrowing		crop ^{2/}			
States	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004			
	Thousand Head										
Illinois	215	205	1,903	1,825	205	205	1,814	1,814			
Indiana	150	140	1,343	1,260	145	135	1,283	1,195			
Iowa	460	430	4,002	3,827	440	450	3,872	4,005			
N. Carolina	560	560	5,040	5,124	540	540	4,914	4,860			
Ohio	76	74	676	659	74	77	651	693			
United States	2,918	2,888	25,974	26,010	2,856	2,852	25,488	25,558			

FARROWING INTENTIONS - SELECTED STATES

Selected	Dec	ember ^{3/} -February Se	ows	March-May Sows			
States	2004	2005 4/	05/04	2004	2005 4/	05/04	
			Thousand Head	[
Illinois	205	205	100	215	205	95	
Indiana	145	135	93	135	135	100	
Iowa	410	440	107	430	440	102	
N. Carolina	550	540	98	550	540	98	
Ohio	74	76	103	73	75	103	
United States	2,836	2,855	101	2,870	2,868	100	

^{1/} Number of pigs born during June-August that were still on hand September 1 or had been sold. 2/ Number of pigs born during September-November that were still on hand December 1 or had been sold. 3/ December of the preceding year. 4/ Intentions to farrow.

OHIO NOVEMBER MILK PRODUCTION UP 5 PERCENT PRODUCTION IN 20 MAJOR STATES UP 1 PERCENT

The total milk production in Ohio during November 2004 was 370 million pounds, 17 million pounds more than a year earlier. The average number of cows on Ohio farms during November 2004 was 266 thousand, 8 thousand more than a year earlier. The yield per cow, at 1,390 pounds, was up 1 percent from last year.

Milk production in the 20 major States during November 2004 totaled 11.8 billion pounds, up 1.2 percent from November 2003.

October revised production, at 12.3 billion pounds, was up 1.4 percent from October 2003. The October revision represented an increase of 9 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,526 pounds for November, 9 pounds above November 2003. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.77 million head, 44,000 head more than November 2003, but unchanged from October 2004.

OCTOBER MANUFACTURED DAIRY PRODUCTS

		Ohio		United States			
	2003	2004	04/03	2003	2004	04/03	
	1,000	Gallons	Percent	1,000	Gallons	Percent	
Ice Cream Hard	2,631	1,791	68	69,761	68,465	98	

NOVEMBER MILK COWS AND MILK PRODUCTION

	Milk	Milk cows on farm 1/			Milk per cow ^{2/}			Milk Production ^{2/}		
State	Nov. 2003	Oct. 2004 *	Nov. 2004	Nov. 2003	Oct. 2004 *	Nov. 2004	Nov. 2003	Oct. 2004 *	Nov. 2004	04/03
		Thousand		Pounds		Million Pounds			Percent	
California	1,694	1,740	1,741	1,665	1,770	1,700	2,821	3,080	2,960	105
Ohio	258	266	266	1,370	1,420	1,390	353	378	370	105
Wisconsin	1,249	1,238	1,237	1,410	1,475	1,415	1,761	1,826	1,750	99
20 State Total	7,721	7,765	7,765	1,517	1,578	1,526	11,709	12,254	11,846	101

^{1/} Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. 2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves. *Revised.

OHIO RED MEAT PRODUCTION

Commercial red meat production in Ohio during November 2004 totaled 27.7 million pounds, up 5 percent from a year earlier. Total live weight production in Ohio by species, compared with a year earlier was: cattle, 11.9 million pounds, down 13 percent; calves, 2.7 million pounds, up 9 percent; hogs, 27.4 million pounds, up 10 percent; sheep & lambs, 124 thousand pounds, down 15 percent. Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.77 billion pounds in November 2004, up 7 percent from the 3.53 billion pounds

produced in November 2003.

Beef production, at 1.94 billion pounds, was 9 percent above the previous year. Veal production totaled 13.8 million pounds, 9 percent below November a year ago. Pork production totaled 1.80 billion pounds, a new monthly record, and was up 5 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 16.5 million pounds, was up 1 percent from November 2003.

Item		Ohio			United States				
Itelli	2003	2004	04/03	2003	2004	04/03			
		N	Jumber of Head ((000)					
Cattle	11.7	10.6	91	2,433.5	2,541.0	104			
Calves	5.9	6.7	114	78.1	68.0	87			
Hogs	90.2	98.5	109	8,597.4	8,963.6	104			
Sheep & Lambs	1.3	1.2	92	236.1	242.1	103			
_		Av	erage live weight	(lbs)					
Cattle	1,170	1,120	96	1,236	1,271	103			
Calves	416	402	97	322	336	104			
Hogs	275	278	101	269	270	100			
Sheep &lambs	114	105	92	138	136	99			
_		Tot	tal live weight (00	0 lbs)					
Cattle	13,717	11,894	87	3,008,512	3,228,842	107			
Calves	2,470	2,681	109	25,110	22,843	91			
Hogs	24,850	27,386	110	2,316,151	2,416,669	104			
Sheep & Lambs	146	124	85	32,538	32,934	101			

OHIO EGG PRODUCTION

Egg production in Ohio during November 2004, totaled 622 million eggs, down 2 percent from last month and down 1 percent compared with a year earlier when production for November, 2003, totaled 629 million eggs. During November, there were 28.1 million layers on Ohio farms. The rate of lay during the month was 2,210 eggs per 100 layers, or 73.7 percent. Layers being force molted on December 1, 2004 at 3.5 percent of all layers in Ohio compares to 5.5 percent on the same date a year earlier. Twenty nine percent of the layers in Ohio have completed a forced molt, compared with 22.0 percent a year ago.

U.S. egg production totaled 7.46 billion during November 2004, up 2 percent from last year. Production included 6.42 billion table eggs, and 1.04 billion hatching eggs, of which 980 million were broiler-type and 59 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during November 2004 averaged 343 million, up 2 percent from a year earlier. All layers in the U.S. on December 1, 2004, totaled 343 million, up 1 percent from a

year ago. The 343 million layers consisted of 285 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 54.9 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.51 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on December 1, 2004, averaged 72.8 eggs per 100 layers, up 1 percent from a year ago. Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.98 billion eggs during November 2004, up 2 percent from a year ago. Egg-type chicks hatched during November totaled 38.4 million, up 27 percent from November 2003. Eggs in incubators totaled 35.9 million on December 1, 2004, up 10 percent from a year ago. The November 2004 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 731 million, was up 3 percent from November of the previous year. There were 645 million eggs in incubators on December 1, 2004, up 1 percent from a year earlier. Turkey eggs in incubators on December 1, 2004, in the United States totaled 27.7 million, 2 percent below December 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 2 percent below the November 1, 2004 total of 28.3 million eggs.

			NOVEMBE	ER EGG PRODUCTION	ON			
	Layers on hand		Eggs per 100 layers		Total pi	roduction		
	during	g month	100 layers	Mont	hly	Accumulated 1/		
	2003	2004	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	
	Thousands		Number	Million				
Ohio	29,238	28,149	2,210	629	622	7,642	7,355	
U.S.	338,283	343,477	2,170	7,326	7,455	87,196	88,898	

1/ Accumulation period began December of previous year.

	CHICKS HATCHED BY COMMERCIAL HATCHERIES, UNITED STATES											
	Egg-Type			Broiler-type			Turkeys placed 1/					
	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003			
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent			
Oct.	30,241	38,421	127	707,627	730,789	103	22,155	22,232	100			
JanNov.	382,424	400,462	105	8,299,651	8,537,907	103	67,131	64,306	96			

1/ Accumulation period for turkey begins September 1.

	EGGS IN INCUBATORS - DECEMBER 1, 2003 and 2004											
	Egg-type eggs			Broiler-type eggs			Turkey eggs					
	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003	2003	2004	2004/2003			
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent			
East North Central 1/	7,763	8,008	103	8,206	8,405	102	4,674	4,576	98			
United States	32,660	35,902	110	638,154	644,675	101	28,392	27,749	98			

^{1/} Not available by States.

U.S. COLD STORAGE

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on November 30, 2004 were greater than year earlier levels for chicken, beef, eggs, orange juice and cheese.

Butter stocks were down 45 percent from last month and down 52 percent from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were up 1 percent from last month and up 9 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were up 1 percent from last month, but down 2 percent from the

previous year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 113 percent from last month and up 3 percent from last year.

Total frozen poultry supplies on November 30, 2004 were 17 percent below the previous month, but 15 percent above a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 4 percent from the previous month, but up 35 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were down 38 percent from last month and down 16 percent from November 30, 2003.

U.S. STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE NOVEMBER 30, 2004 WITH COMPARISONS

Commodity	Nov 30, 2003	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		November perce	30, 2004 as ent of
				11/30/03	10/31/04
		1,000 Pounds		Per	cent
Butter	122,544	107,152	59,363	48	55
Cheese, Total Natural	695,541	756,171	706,977	102	93
Eggs, Frozen	14,909	17,877	17,235	116	96
Fruits, Frozen	1,107,053	1,187,735	1,097,732	99	92
Fruit Juices, Frozen	1,732,096	1,899,342	1,762,352	102	93
Meats, Total Red	438,940	426,775	431,104	98	101
Beef, Total Frozen	373,770	452,589	455,939	122	101
Pork, Total Frozen	438,940	426,775	431,104	98	101
Poultry, Total Frozen	921,767	1,280,993	1,063,586	115	83
Chicken	569,268	801,953	768,850	135	96
Turkeys	350,668	478,217	294,156	84	62
Vegetables, Total Frozen	2,395,004	2,573,933	2,405,078	100	93
Potatoes, Total Frozen	1,232,817	1,275,752	1,221,945	99	96

Data for this report are collected from public and private refrigerated warehouses storing commodities for 30 days or more. Stocks in space owned or leased by the armed forces are excluded. Food stocks held under bond are included in the storage data.

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